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Thank you for picking up this special project, featuring a collection of stories inspired by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the newly elected congress members. Featuring more artists and writers than there are payments left on your student loans! Okay, maybe not that many, but the outpouring of excitement from our contributors to be a part of this project runs parallel only to the excitement that seems to surround AOC in everything she's a part of right now.

What a wild ride this has taken us on in a very short amount of time. I've overseen and written my fair share of comics in the past, some small, some major hits, but nothing until this had me speaking to news outlets all the way in Dublin and Rome in the same week that, of all things, TMZ tracked a congressperson down to ask them about our comic book. Sorry for the interruption, Congresswoman AOC!

Some of the stories in this anthology are sweet. Some are cathartic and venting. Some are completely, and intentionally absurd. However all of them share a common theme of expressing excitement for the potential of the newly elected congress members, and finally bringing diversity to the legislative body that reflects us as a whole. Whether you're reading this upon its release, or cracking it open after sitting in a dusty comic box decades later, I hope you enjoy, and that we capture this moment in time and what it felt like to be alive during this part of our history.

- Josh Blaylock
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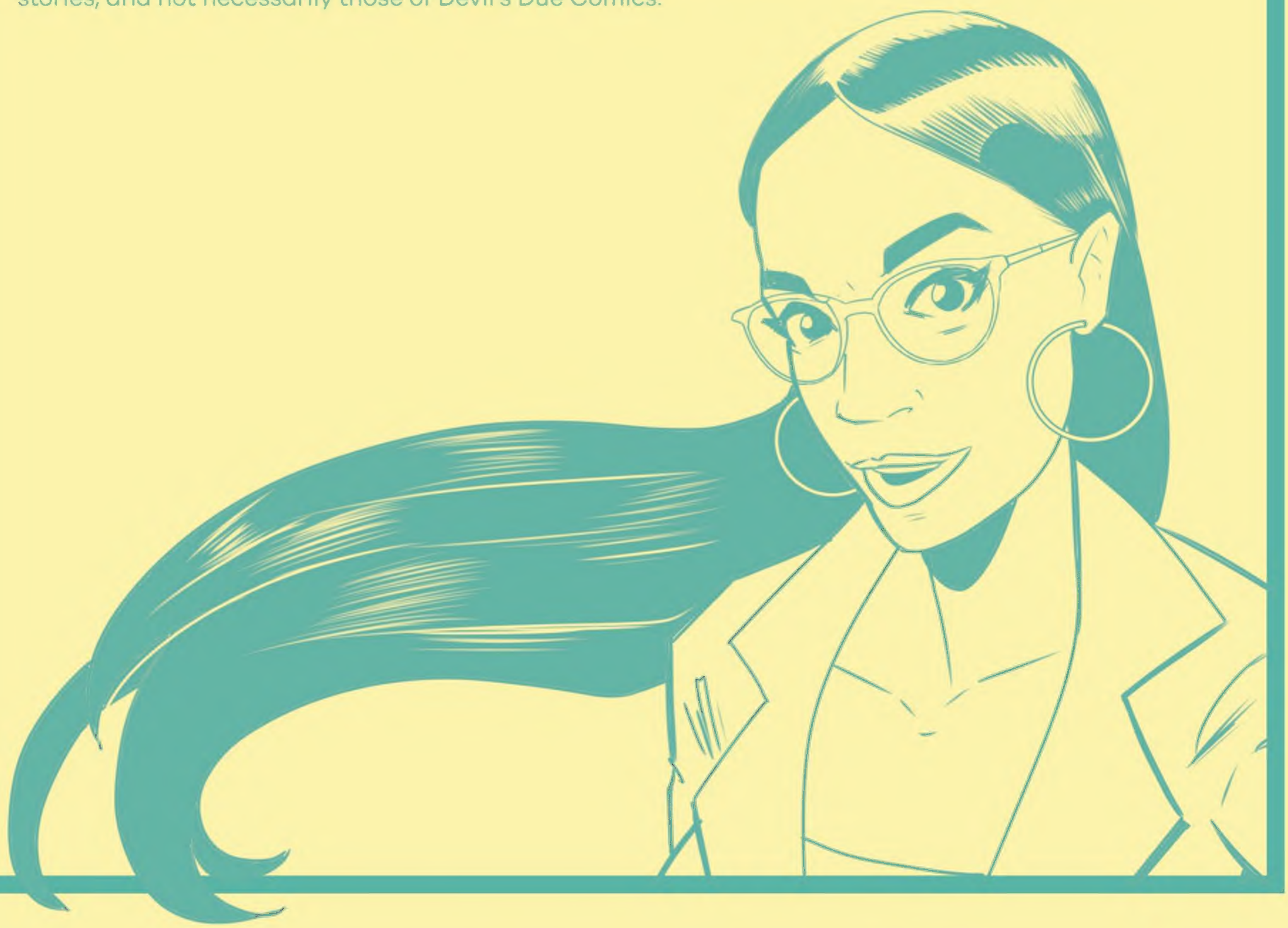

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AMERICA FEATURE presents...

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REP. OCASIO

PUERTO RICAN GIRL FROM THE BRONX

THERE IS *NEVER* ANY FIGHT THAT IS TOO BIG FOR US TO PICK. WE *PROVED* THAT THIS YEAR!

BECAUSE IN THE *WEALTHIEST NATION* IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, OUR GREATEST *SCARCITY* IS NOT A LACK OF RESOURCES BUT THE ABSENCE OF *POLITICAL COURAGE* AND *MORAL IMAGINATION!*

Quote: Election night speech, Nov. 6, 2018

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AOC 3:16™

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...OFF THE TOP ROPE WITH A...

SLAM

OH! THAT'S GOTTA HURT! THERE'S THE PIN!

1!...2!...3!

DOWN GOES CROWLEY! DOWN GOES CROWLEY!

AOC AOC AOC AOC AOC AOC

BY GOD SHE'S DONE IT FOLKS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THE LOCAL KID MAKES GOOD AND ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ IS YOUR NEW NUMBER ONE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDER!

LATER BACKSTAGE.

HEY GOOD JOB KID!

NICE FINISH ROOKIE.

GREAT WORK!

NICE ONE!

THANKS EVERYBODY!

HEY AOC WHEN YOU GONNA LET ME TAKE A RUN ATCH'YA? HAHA!

HA! IN YOUR DREAMS.

HEY ROOKIE!

NANCY PELOSI!

IN THE FLESH.

YOU REALLY PUT ON A HELL OF A SHOW OUT THERE.

THANKS! Y'KNO...

BUT DON'T GET COCKY. THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE WILL DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT THEIR *SPECIAL INTERESTS.*

I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE.

=SCOFFS= I ADMIRE YOUR SPIRIT KID BUT THE ONLY PEOPLE ANYONE AROUND HERE HELPS IS THEMSELVES.

WELL MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR THAT TO CHANGE.

DEEP INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE.

whisper whisper whisper

MMM YES... MOTHER THINKS THIS NEW ONE GROWS STRONGER. WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP HER. BUT HOW?!

AUGH... WE COULD TRY HIDING. THE AQUARIUM HAS AN INVERTEBRATE EXHIBIT THAT I HIDE IN ALL THE TIME!

:NOM NOM: IT'S GONNA BE BIG WALL. BIGGEST! :CRUNCH: :NOM:

WHAT IF WE TAKE AWAY HER BENEFITS?

SHE'S A MILLENIAL; SHE'S NEVER HAD ANY BENEFITS!!!

WE COULD ALWAYS CALL IN *THE WEASEL.*

OF COURSE!!!

MOTHER SAYS HE'S BEEN WORKING OUT LIKE AN ANIMAL TOO!

RING RING RING RING RING RING

WHO IS THIS?

:GRUNT: :GRUNT: :GRUNT:

HOW DID YOU GET THIS NUMBER?

MM

PAUL! PAUL RYAN! IT'S YOUR OLD FRIENDS MITCH & MIKE. WE WERE HOPING THA...

MP

AND MOTHER! SHE'S HERE TOO!

MM

YES...AUGH...LISTEN WE ALL WERE HOPING YOU COULD HELP US TAKE CARE OF THIS NEW ROOKIE THAT'S STIRRING UP THE POT.

WELL SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU TWO...ERHM... THREE...

MP

HE REMEMBERED MOTHER!

...BUT IN CASE YOU FORGOT, I'M RETIRED. FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER STOOGE TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK.

CLICK

GOSH DARN IT!

BLASPHEMY! MOTHER NO!

...AUGH... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW! SHE'LL RUIN EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO DESTROY!

WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LITTLE... PROBLEM.

NRA

NIGHT BEFORE THE BIG MATCH INSIDE A CRUMMY D.C. APARTMENT.

ALEXAAAAANDRIAAAA...

HUH... WHA...WHO'S THERE?

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE NEW YORK'S GREATEST SENATOR?

UH... HILLARY CLINTON?

NO DAG NABBIT! IT'S ME FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT! THIRTY-SECOND PRESIDENT OF THESE HERE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

F.D.R! OH SIR I'M SUCH A HUGE FAN! I MODELED MY GREAT NEW POLICY ON SOCIAL REFORM AFTER YOUR *NEW DEAL.*

YES AND I MUST SAY I'M A BIG FAN OF YOU AS WELL, BUT QUICK NOW, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

WHAT IS IT?

I CAME TO WARN YOU THAT TOMORROW NIGHT THOSE INCOMPETENT WINDBAGS IN CHARGE ARE PLANNING TO SABOTAGE YOU BY ENTERING YOU IN A ***6-PERSON TAG TEAM MATCH!***

WHAT! BUT I DON'T HAVE A TEAM! I'VE BEEN LONE WOLFING IT THIS WHOLE TIME. HOW AM I GON...

BUTTON YER LIP MISSY! NOW DO YOU THINK I COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SUCH SWEEPING SOCIAL REFORM BY MYSELF?

NO BY GOLLY! I HAD LOADS OF HELP. FROM HENRY, FRANCES, MARY, JOHN, THE OTHER HENRY! EVEN MY DEAR ELEANOR! YOU HAVE TO MAKE PARTNER-SHIPS WITH ALL KINDS OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE.

AND REMEMBER, REMEMBER ALWAYS, THAT ALL OF US ARE DESCENDED FROM IMMIGRANTS & REVOLUTIONISTS!*

YAY

20 MIN BEFORE MATCH TIME.

THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT BERNIE, BUT EVERYONE ELSE HAS SAID NO AND THERE'S NO MORE TIME LEFT, SHE'S OUR LAST SHOT.

WE GOT THIS, KID.

...SO THAT'S THE PLAN. YOU WOULD REALLY BE HELPING US OUT.

HMPH, YOU KNOW I'D LOVE TO ROOKIE BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO KEEP MY HEAD ABOVE WATER THESE DAYS.

OUTSIDE OF THIS OLD HIPPY, ROCKING THE BOAT IS FOR THE YOUNG. NO OFFENSE BERNIE.

NONE TAKEN.

ALRIGHT. I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT OURSELVES VIEJO.

...

HMM...IT WOULD BE A LOT OF FUN THOUGH.

*F.D.R. APRIL 1938

DL: ...WELL, ANDERSON, THIS LOOKS LIKE WE GOT QUITE THE MATCH UP TONIGHT!

AC: THAT'S RIGHT DON, WE GOT ROOKIE SENSATION AOC AND VETERAN OF THE SPORT BERNIE SANDERS VERSUS THREE OF THE MOST DIABOLICAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OUT THERE. BIG OIL, BIG PHARMA, AND DANA LOESCH OF THE NRA. LOOKS LIKE THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

JV: Y'KNOW DAN AND ANDREW, WHEN I BECAME MINNESOTA'S FIRST INDEPENDENT GOVERNOR I FOUGHT AGAINST SOME PRETTY STAGGERED ODDS BUT THIS ONE SEEMS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE A REAL TOUGH SHOT. MUCH LIKE THE SECOND SHOT FROM THE GRASSY KNOLL THAT HIT..

ding ding

DL: AND HERE WE GO!

AC: OH, BERNIE WITH A HIP TOSS TO BIG OIL!

JV: LOOK AT 'EM GO! I HAVEN'T SEEN A SLOBBER KNOCKER LIKE THIS SINCE IRAN CONTRA.

DL: AOC LOCKING UP BIG PHARMA IN A SHARPSHOOTER... *OH!* BUT HERE COMES LOESCH!

SMASH

AC: AND THERE GOES BERNIE KNOCKED OUT OF THE RING BY BIG OIL AND BIG PHARMA!

DL: OH! WHAT A CHEAP SHOT BY LOESCH!

AC: IT COULD ALL BE OVER WITH THAT ONE FOLKS.

WHACK

AC
BUT WHAT'S THIS! OH MY GOD IT'S MAXINE WATERS!!!

GET HER!
YOU'RE NEXT KID.
OHHHH YEAH.

DL
WHAT A DEVASTATING DOUBLE CLOTHESLINE DELIVERED BY WATERS!!
WAK
WAK
JV
SHE TOOK THEM OUT FASTER THAN CIA OPERATIVE JACK RUBY DID TO LEE HARVE...

AC
OH! LOESCH DROPS THE CHAIR WITH THAT GUT KICK FROM AOC.
PUNT
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG YOU HEARTLESS WITCH!

DL
SHE'S GONNA DO IT!

THIS GREAT NATION WASN'T FOUNDED JUST TO FUEL THE CORPORATE GREED OF THE 1%...
IT WAS MADE BY THE PEOPLE...
...OF THE PEOPLE...

...FOR THE PEOPLE!!!

1!...2!...3!
AHHH!
WOO!
YEAH!
AC
IT'S ALL OVER!! *AOC WINS! AOC WINS!*

AOC!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!CLAP!CLAP!
AOC!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!CLAP!CLAP!
AOC!
SENATE-SLAM

THE END.

INTRODUCING

PENCE-MAN

PENCE-MAN IS THE EXCITING NEW GAME FROM MAGATARI, STARRING VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE!

Pence-Man's wife, "Mother" is nowhere to be found, and Ayanna, Ilhan, Kyrsten and all of these new female congresswomen need to have meetings with him, without another MAN present! **Help this God-Fearing hero find Mother and get to safety!**

FEATURING:

Bible Power-Ups! Get a **King James Jolt** and temporarily turn your pursuers into men and conclude those meetings!

Hamberder Helpers - Restore your hitpoints with a fresh tasty hamberder.

Leviticus Power-Moves : Earn these and eliminate your opponents by reciting contradictory verses from scripture!

AND MORE!

By Josh Blaylock

JUSTICE ENGINE

by Sherard Jackson

TLAIB

OMAR

PRESSLEY...

...WE NEED TO KEEP THIS BILE SPEWING **CORPORATE BEAST** CONTAINED HERE AND AWAY FROM THE CIVILIANS!

CIRCLE AROUND IT AND DO A COMPLETE SCAN! LOOK FOR WEAKSPOTS!

AOC

WE'RE ON IT, CORTEZ!

BLECH

PRESSLEY, HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING?

NOTHING BESIDES ITS MOUTH! ITS GARBAGE SHELL OF A BODY IS BUILT PRETTY SOLID.

LOOKS LIKE OLD MAN MITCH REALLY OUTDID HIMSELF WHEN HE BUILT THIS ONE!

MORE THAN LIKELY HE HAS SOME SPECIAL INTEREST GOON BACKING HIM UP!

THIS BEAST HAS ENOUGH BILE INSIDE IT TO POISON THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IN A MATTER OF *DAYS!*

NOT ON OUR WATCH! *FORM UP ON ME!*

WOOO!!! LET'S VOLTRON UP AND WRECK THIS MOTHER-F[redacted]R!!!

YEAH!!!

WRRRNNNNN

CLNK.

VRRRRRN

J.D. FREEDOM TEAM, TRANSFORM INTO--

--THE

JUSTICE ENGINE™

BY THE PEOPLE--

--AND FOR THE PEOPLE!!

KOONZ

P-P-P-POW!!!

RIGHT IN THE MAW! THEN, OLD MAN MITCH BUSTS OUT WITH HIS GANDOLPH-STYLE "YOU SHALL NOT PASS!"

CLAMP

AND, WE'RE LIKE --MRRRNNRRRN! SWOOSH!!--

AND WE BREAK HIM OFF SOME OF THAT 21ST CENTURY OPTIMUS PRIME "ONE SHALL STAND, ONE SHALL FALL!"

AND THEN, WE'RE LIKE...

?!?

?!?

WAIT! ...BUT...? WE'RE VOTING ON A TAX BILL!

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THE BILL THAT MATTERS. I'M GOING TO NEED YOU ON THIS ONE, ILHAN...

FINISH.

ZERO FUCKS

by Marguerite Doboie

*Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, only your Special powers can Save Eagleland from the R Gang!

Klobucharia

*Alexandria, only you can learn the PK Zero Fucks obility!

Donald Trump blocked the way!

A.Ocasio-Cortez	Rashida Tlaib	Sharice Davids	Ilhan Omar
HP 126	HP 157	HP 104	HP 143
PP 35	PP 0	PP 0	PP 22

Alexandria tried PK Zero Fucks!

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THE U.S. OF Slay

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KYRSTEN SINEMA

ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

MIKE PENCE

BIG OIL

MITCH MCCONNELL

CHRISTIAN VALUES

DEGENERATES. A COUNTRY WITH WOMEN, HOMOSEXUALS... SINNERS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT.

CHRISTIAN VALUES, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, MR. VICE PRESIDENT.

GOD IS TAKING CARE OF GLOBAL WARMING SO BIG OIL HERE CAN KEEP MAKING MONEY AND KEEP THE ECONOMY FLOWING. THE POWER OF PRAYER HAS BEEN GIVING SENATOR MCCONNELL THE WISDOM HE NEEDS TO STAY HIDDEN.

CONGRESS WOMAN.

SENATOR.

YOU'RE DANCING ON OUR FLOOR LIKE IT'S YOUR FLOOR.

THIS IS THE LIBERTY AND JUSTICE DANCE HALL...

V.

P.

PENCE.

NANCY PELOSI

SCREEEEEECH!

THIS IS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND DJ OF THE FLOOR. IT'S TIME TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH. IT'S TIME TO DANCE FOR YOUR LIFE!

BOO! WE WANT UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE!

SAVE THE PLANET! GIVE US A GREEN NEW DEAL!

BLACK, TRANS, GAY, BROWN, IMMIGRANT, POOR - WE ARE NOT SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS!

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA!

YES, GIRL! EVERYONE VOTES IN THIS HOUSE!

BBBoooo.o.ooo!

SHOWER US IN EQUALITY!

STRAIGHT UP SERVING THE PEOPLE!

ZZZIPPP

BERNIE SANDERS

MAXINE WATERS

GOTCHA!

THERE'S ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE...

NOT ME. US 2020.

RECLAIMING MY TIME

BLACK WOMEN...

TRANS WOMEN...

IMMIGRANT WOMEN...

IMPOVERISHED WOMEN...

THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY...

TOGETHER...

WE ARE STRONGER!

THE END.

WHY I'M ROOTING FOR FOX

BY JOSH BLAYLOCK

WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DISDAIN OF THE FREE PRESS.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ONE OF THE MOST IRONIC ASPECTS OF THIS, THOUGH, IS HIS HATRED FOR ***CNN.***

FAKE!

SAD!

QUOTE MARKS FOR NO REASON!

BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM? HE WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE. THE ENTIRE "LIBERAL" MEDIA NETWORK'S OBSESSION WITH REPEATING HIS TWEETS, NO MATTER HOW ABSURD HIS POSTS WERE, HAD NO LIMITS, PANDERING TO THEIR AUDIENCES WITH "OUTRAGE PORN". THIS IN TURN LEGITIMIZED THEM AS "NEWS."

I LOST MY FAITH IN THE BIG CABLE NEWS MEDIA LONG BEFORE TRUMP'S RUN IN 2016, BUT THANKS TO MY IPHONE'S PERSISTENT CNN UPDATES, I WAS CONSTANTLY FED "BREAKING NEWS" FROM THEM ANYWAY. WITH TRUMP ON THE SCENE, ALERTS ***EXPLODED*** IN FREQUENCY.

MAKE IT ***STOP!***

WHAT FOLLOWED WAS COVERAGE OF THE MOST ASININE CONTENT IN HISTORY. FOR A WHILE, I HONESTLY THOUGHT, WITH THE LEVEL OF INSANITY OF HIS COMMENTS, THEY'D BE IGNORED. BUT ALAS...

HOLY $#!+! TRUMP JUST SAID GLOBAL WARMING IS... WAIT FOR IT. A ***CHINESE CONSPIRACY!***

THEY REPORTED EVERYTHING HE SAID AND DID. NO MATTER HOW RIDICULOUS OR PANDERING. HATING HIM BECAME HALF OF AMERICA'S ADDICTIVE NEW HOBBY, AND THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM THE "LIBERAL" MEDIA? IT FUELED THE "RIGHT." IT GAVE ***FOX*** SOMETHING TO COUNTER.

WE'VE NEVER ***SEEN*** THIS SHIT BEFORE!

WE'RE UPPING OUR RATINGS ***SO HARD RIGHT NOW!***

THIS, AT A TIME WHEN ALL THE REST OF THE MEDIA HAD TO DO TO MAKE IT GO AWAY? ALL CNN, MSNBC... ALL OF THEM, TO AVOID THIS ENTIRE SHIT SHOW? WAS TO ***IGNORE HIM.*** BUT THEY JUST ***HAD*** TO GET THOSE SWEET, SWEET CLICKS.

CASE IN POINT, HIS TWEETS. BESIDES HIS RALLIES, WE CREDIT TRUMP'S TWITTER FEED FOR HIS RISE IN THE MEDIA, BUT HOW MANY OF HIS FOLLOWERS ACTUALLY READ HIS FEED? HOW MANY OF ***ANYONE'S*** FOLLOWERS ACTUALLY SEE 90% OF THEIR TWEETS?

MAGA

MAN, I AIN'T GOT NO TIME TO READ THEM TWEETS. I WORK FOR A LIVIN'!

IN THEIR ARROGANCE THEY CHOSE TO IGNORE OTHER THINGS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND CONTINUE PUSHING THE ABSURD TO THE TOP OF THE LIST. THEY IGNORED THE CONTINUED ABUSES OF THE BANKING SECTOR AND GROWING CONCERNS LIKE THOSE OF STUDENT DEBT AND WAGES.

THEY IGNORED THE MASSIVE RALLIES SUPPORTING BERNIE SANDERS. AT CNN THEY EVEN BLEW OFF A THOUSAND PROTESTERS IN FRONT OF THEIR OFFICE DEMANDING ADEQUATE COVERAGE.

INSTEAD, I GUESS IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO COVER THINGS LIKE... THIS?

SO, ANYTHING NEW GOING ON TODAY?

DID YOU HEAR? TRUMP CLAIMS THAT HE'S ***NEVER*** FARTED!

OMG, WHY ARE YOU STILL STANDING HERE? ***RUN IT!***

MEDIA Black Out!

MEDIA BIAS GROWS DEMOCRACY

FEEL THE BERN 2016

ANYONE WHO PAID THE SLIGHTEST ATTENTION HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS THAT, IN GENERAL, THE MAJOR NEWS OUTLETS ARE ALL GUILTY OF REPEATING PARTY LINE TALKING POINTS. MOST OF WHICH SEEM DICTATED FROM THE TOP DOWN. NONE OF THEM WORSE, THOUGH, THAN ***FOX NEWS.***

THAT'S WHEN TRUMP DID WHAT HE'S NOW INFAMOUS FOR. BRAZENLY TAKING THE MOST ***GUILTY*** PARTY AND MAKING THEM OUT TO BE THE ***VICTIM.*** HE BEGAN AN AGGRESSIVE ATTACK ON THE MEDIA, CITING FOX, AMAZINGLY, AS THE ***ONLY*** TRUSTWORTHY MAINSTREAM SOURCE.

SO THE ~~PRESIDENT~~ PRECEDENT WAS CEMENTED THAT ALL PRESS, EXCEPT FOR A SCANT FEW, LIKE THE "BELOVED" FOX NEWS, WERE THE ONLY SOURCES CONSERVATIVES COULD TRUST.

FAST FORWARD THROUGH A ZILLION DEBATES, NATIONALIST RALLIES, ETC., ETC., AND NOW WE HAVE "HUMPERDOO" RUNNING A NATION.*

*APOLOGIES TO HUMPERDOO AND GARTH ENNIS

SO WHAT IS MY POINT? WELL, SUDDENLY, THE PHENOMENA IS HAPPENING ALL OVER AGAIN, THIS TIME IN A WAY THAT MAY ***UNDO*** SOME OF THE DAMAGE.

CUT TO AN OUTSIDER APPEARING ON THE SCENE. SPEAKING TO ISSUES THAT AN IGNORED MAJORITY OF THE NATION CARED ABOUT. HER FOLLOWING GROWING. YEAH, OF COURSE I'M TALKING ABOUT AOC.

OH YOU ***KNOW*** I'VE GOT SOME IDEAS. BUT RUN FOR OFFICE? ME? YOU THINK IT COULD WORK?

CONGRESSWOMAN OCASIO-CORTEZ HAS TAKEN TO SOCIAL MEDIA AS AGGRESSIVELY AS #45, BUT INSTEAD OF USING IT AS A TOOL TO ATTACK AND BELITTLE, SHE UNAPOLOGETICALLY PUSHES FORTH AN AGGRESSIVE AGENDA, TAKING NO CRAP FROM HER ATTACKERS, AND THE MEDIA CAN'T RESIST IT.

ESPECIALLY... ***FOX NEWS***. LIKE CNN WITH TRUMP, NOW IT'S THEY WHO CAN'T RESIST THE "OUTRAGE" BAIT. THEY LASH OUT, FUELING THE "LIBERAL" MEDIA WHO CLAPS BACK... RINSE AND REPEAT.

BUT THIS TIME, SOMEONE IS CALLING OUT THE ACTUAL ROOTS OF CORRUPTION IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ISSUES, PRIVATE PRISONS AND OVER-INCARCERATION, INSIDER TRADING BY CONGRESS. THIS TIME IT'S NOT SOMEONE ONLY OBSESSED WITH RECEIVING PRAISE AND ACCOLADES. ***OBSESSED*** WITH NATIONALISTIC 'LOYALTY', AND DAMNING ANYONE WHO DARES TO CRITICIZE.

OKAY, LET'S PLAY A GAME. LET'S PRETEND I'M A ***REALLY BAD GUY***, AND YOU TELL ME WHAT RULES ARE IN PLACE TO STOP ME.

I DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND! MWUHAHAHA! DAMN. DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

THIS TIME, ON TOP OF IT, NEW VOICES WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ITSELF ARE RISING UP, AND IT'S MAKING THE ESTABLISHMENT AS NERVOUS AS FOX. VOICES THAT WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN HEARD BEFORE.

IRONICALLY AOC'S RISING CLOUT WOULDN'T BE SO LIKELY WITHOUT THE SAME "TWITTER REACTION SYNDROME" FROM THE MEDIA THAT HELPED TO CREATE DONALD TRUMP THE POLITICIAN.

ALL THEY HAD TO DO... WAS IGNORE HER.

THE GREEN NEW DEAL PROMISES TO PUT COWS ON WELFARE IF THEY STOP FARTING!

AOC WANTS TO TURN ALL AIRPLANES INTO MOBILE HOMES FOR GAY VEGANS!

I'M JUST KIDDING, I DON'T ACTUALLY EVEN CARE ABOUT THIS. DID I DO GOOD TODAY, RUPERT?

FORX

BUT I FOR ONE AM SURE GLAD THEY DIDN'T.

SO KEEP IT UP, FOX. COVER THOSE TWEETS. SENSATIONALIZE EVERYTHING AOC SAYS. FREAK OUT ON THE DAILY ABOUT THE NEW FRESHMAN CONGRESS. TALK ABOUT HOW "MUSLIMY" ILHAN OMAR LOOKS TODAY, AND LET'S CHECK BACK IN A FEW YEARS.

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C

WHERE'S MITCH?

There sure are a lot of little turtles on this page! Can you find the most rare of them all? **US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell**? Good luck, he's a sneaky one! Mitch has been hiding a lot lately. If you do spot him, he's likely only emerging from his shell briefly, and will hide again soon! He usually appears to help his powerful buddies, to speak out against making Voting Day a national holiday, or for any other reason to hold back the wishes of the majority of Americans.

By Josh Blaylock

DANCE PARTY USA

BY PETER ROSTOVSKY

SOME SAY DANCING AND DEMOCRACY DON'T MIX.

POLITICS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.

IT'S MORE ABOUT TALKING, DEBATING, CONTESTING, PUSHING THROUGH AGENDAS — NOT TEARING UP THE DANCE FLOOR.

WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR POLITICIANS, FEW OF THEM REALLY DANCE.

RONALD REAGAN ONLY DANCED — WALTZED — WITH NANCY.

BILL CLINTON DIDN'T REALLY DANCE. HE PLAYED THE SAXOPHONE INSTEAD.

DUBYA WAS A DISASTER.

REMEMBER THIS?

OBAMA DANCED BUT WAS TOO SMOOTH — CONTROLLED —

AND HILLARY WAS INTO IT, BUT ALSO SEEMED KINDA AWKWARD

— MAYBE A BIT LIKE ELAINE ON SEINFELD.

ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO LIKE DANCING.

THERE'S A VIDEO OF HER THAT WENT VIRAL AND WAS QUICKLY MALIGNED BY RIGHT WING TROLLS FOR ITS UNSEEMLINESS.

GRANTED, SHE WAS YOUNG AND STILL IN COLLEGE.

BUT AN ATTITUDE IS THERE WHICH WAS SEEN AS OFFENSIVE BY SUPPORTERS OF OUR CURRENT GOP SITH LORDS.

WHY DID THEY TAKE ISSUE WITH IT?

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY REALIZE THE KEY TO FOUNDING ANY SOCIAL MOVEMENT IS TO MAKE IT ENJOYABLE.

THE ISSUES ARE REAL -

SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE, TAXING THE WEALTHY AND NOT PUNISHING THE POOR, PRIORITIZING THE ENVIRONMENT, ETC.,

BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT FESTIVE AT TIMES SO THE PEOPLE JOIN FOR THE POLITICS, STAY FOR THE PARTY, AND ENDURE THE HARDSHIPS...

...BECAUSE THEY KNOW THERE'S SOME DANCING AT THE END.

SO, SINCE WASHINGTON ISN'T SOME SCENE FROM FOOTLOOSE (OR IS IT?),

I SUGGEST WE LOOK AT AOC'S 'INFAMOUS' DANCE VIDEO AS A PROMISE OF THINGS TO COME.

MAYBE IT'LL BE A PARTY IF SHE REALLY GETS HER WAY.

REPRESENTATIVE
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
New York
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AND FOR A CHANGE, WE'LL ALL BE INVITED.

"MAKE AMERICA EMPATHETIC AGAIN"

BY DEAN HASPIEL & CHRISTA CASSANO

YOU? THE YOUNGEST OF THE BUNCH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LOOKING TO BE GRABBED?

I HAVE A THEORY I WANT TO TEST.

IN HOPES OF ERADICATING AMERICA'S GREATEST THREAT: A RACIST, SEXIST, NARCISSISTIC, EGO-MANIACAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF...

...I MUST REMOVE ITS GREATEST INSECURITY.

I'm locked in a Mexican stand-off with a Puerto Rican politician from the Bronx. #sad

TO QUOTE ALAN MOORE, "NONE OF YOU UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT LOCKED UP IN HERE WITH YOU...

NAZIYCH PUNCH!

...YOU'RE LOCKED UP IN HERE WITH ME."

BZZZZZ

SUDDENLY, I FEEL FREE.

UNENCUMBERED BY FEAR, HATE AND...HAIR.

INEXPLICABLY, DONALD TRUMP BECAME THE NICEST, MOST INCLUSIVE AND ALTRUISTIC PRESIDENT OF ALL TIME WHEN HE REVERSED ALL ILL-WILL POLICIES WITH A SINGLE EXECUTIVE ORDER!

ALAS, TRUMP WAS FOUND GUILTY OF BEING A RUSSIAN SPY AND WAS LOCKED UP IN PRISON.

EMBOLDENED BY BALD TRUMP'S NEW AUTHENTICITY, VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE APOLOGIZED TO THE LGBTQIA COMMUNITY FOR NOT LIVING HIS TRUTH--

--BEFORE QUITTING THE WHITE HOUSE AND LEADING A CRUSADE AGAINST CONVERSION THERAPY CENTERS ACROSS AMERICA.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WIPED OUT, ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ CAMPAIGNED TO "GIVE AMERICA A SECOND CHANCE."

VOTE WITH YOUR HEART!

AND, THAT'S HOW WHOOPI GOLDBERG WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WELCOME TO THE VIEW!

TWEET WORLD

WELCOME TO **TWEETWORLD**, THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS...

...OUR WORLD.

600K 58K

DRAG HER!

WOW. NOW I THINK THAT, TOO.

OH GOD, NOW I THINK **THAT, TOO!** IN A WAY, IF I CHANGE EVERYTHING ABOUT MYSELF, I'VE **ALWAYS** THOUGHT THIS.

200K 21K

140K 18K

THIS IS FOR CORRUPTING THE MINDS OF AMERICA WITH YOUR **LIBERAL SNOWFLAKE MOVIES!**

THIS IS FOR BEING AN ALT-RIGHT BOOT-LICKER!

SOYBOY CUCK SJW! VIRTUE SIGNALER!

VIRTUE SIGNALING ISN'T EVEN A THING!

SHUT UP! **THIS** IS FOR YOUR PERFORMATIVE ALLYSHIP!

STOP... PL-PLEASE... YOU...JUST... READ...THE HEADLINE!

WE WORSHIP THE TOAD KING...WE WORSHIP THE TOAD KING...

1.5B 20M

COVFEFE

MEME BLAST! HAH!

AAAAAGH! NOOOO! IT HURTS! ALSO, WHY DO CONSERVATIVE MEMES ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THEY WERE MADE TWENTY YEARS AGOOOOO?

MEME

HEY!

IT'S YOUR GIRL AOC, AND WE'RE DONE WITH THIS TRUMP SHIT. IT'S PROGRESSIVES ALL DAY! 2020!

600M 450M

I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'M RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT--

I MEAN, PROBABLY IN EIGHT YEARS FROM NOW, BUT YOU'RE LEGALLY TOO YOUNG TO--

I *SAID* I'M HERE TO TAKE DOWN ALL BILLIONAIRES! NEVER, EVER, EVER MISQUOTE ME!

1.9T 1.8T

NOW, *TAKE DOWN THE TOAD KING!*

50K 42K

59K 48K

100M 90.9M

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA. ***WE'RE*** HERE TO TAKE DOWN THE TOAD KING, MISSY. WE'VE BEEN ON THIS JOURNEY FOR ***THREE-HUNDRED YEARS.*** THIS IS ***OUR FIGHT!***

YEAH!

WELL NOW ***THIS*** IS YOUR FIGHT, OLDIES BUT NOT-SO-GOODIES!

GET THEM! THEY'RE YOUNG! HARVEST THEIR FRESH BODY PARTS!

DOWN WITH THE NEO-LIBERALS!

THAT LITERALLY MEANS NOTHING!

YOU LITERALLY *DO* NOTHING!

YOU'RE MISUING THE WORD "LITERALLY"!

MWAHAHAHA!

IN-FIGHTING AS ALWAYS.

RIBBIT

GIVE ME MY ESCAPE ROUTE, REPUBLICANS! GO! ASSIST ME AND I PROMISE I WON'T STEP ON YOUR STUPID FACES.

YES, SIR.

MUUUUSH

HAH! WHOOPSIE!

STEP ON ME AGAIN, TOAD KING. GIVE ME YOUR DELICIOUS BOOOOT.

I STILL DON'T CONCEDE!

EVERYONE, LOOK--HE'S GETTING AWAY!

HEH. YOU THINK ***YOU*** CAN UNITE TO TAKE DOWN ***YA BOY TRUMP?*** WRONG.

YOU WERE FIGHTING AMONGST YOURSELVES OVER ***SAFETY PINS*** THE DAY AFTER ELECTION WHILE I WAS COUNTING STACKS AND ***#BUILDINGTHEWALL*** WHICH WILL TOTALLY ACTUALLY HAPPEN AND ISN'T INSANE!

YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO COME AT THE TOAD KING! ***MWAHAHAHA!***

WELL, THAT PISSES ME OFF. LET'S PROVE THIS IDIOT WRONG. WE CAN MAKE CHANGE-- TOGETHER.

YES! ***ALL*** DEMOCRATS MUST UNITE! UNITE WITH ME!

WELL, NO, EXCEPT ANTHONY WEINER, OBVIOUSLY.

I WOULD HAVE WON IF...IF, UH...

HIM, I STILL LIKE.

NOW... ***TOGETHER!***

"WE EITHER LIVE TOGETHER...OR WE'RE GONNA BE STUCK WITH AT LEAST FOUR MORE YEARS OF THIS SHIT."

--LOST, PROBABLY??

TWEET WORLD

is by

Pat ***SHAND***, Larry ***WATTS***,
& Jim ***CAMPBELL***

MAD LIBS

(as ĥell)

Once upon a time there was a town ruled by king with an expired orange for a face. The Orange King was very proud of his _____adjective_____ orange face and would draw attention to it by screaming out of it, usually at around 3am when the townspeople were trying to _____verb_____ . Night after night, month after month, the Orange King would shriek into the night sky, things like "_____a gibberish word_____, _____another gibberish word_____, _____another gibberish word_____, _____how a toddler might say 'spaghetti'_____, and _____another gibberish word_____ !!"

But one day a(n) _____adjective_____ woman _____verb, past tense_____ into town and told the people, "You have a political culture of intimidation, of favoring, of patronage, and of fear, and that is no way for a community to be governed." She began to change the way people _____verb, past tense_____.

"We like it the way it is!" hissed many _____a very large number_____ year-old white men in unison while they involuntarily _____bodily function, past tense_____ because they were v old. The woman refreshed her _____adjective_____ red lipstick and _____verb, past tense_____, "These guys are too old, they don't have a stake in the game." Many of the townspeople became _____opposite of sleep_____.

This infuriated the King, who was now being described by the woke townspeople as a lying, _____adjective to describe something gross_____, _____another one_____, _____how 'bout two more_____, _____okay last one_____, _____ryhmes with 'blorange'_____-skinned sack of that angry goo from 'Ghostbusters 2'. The woman shrugged, "Change takes courage."

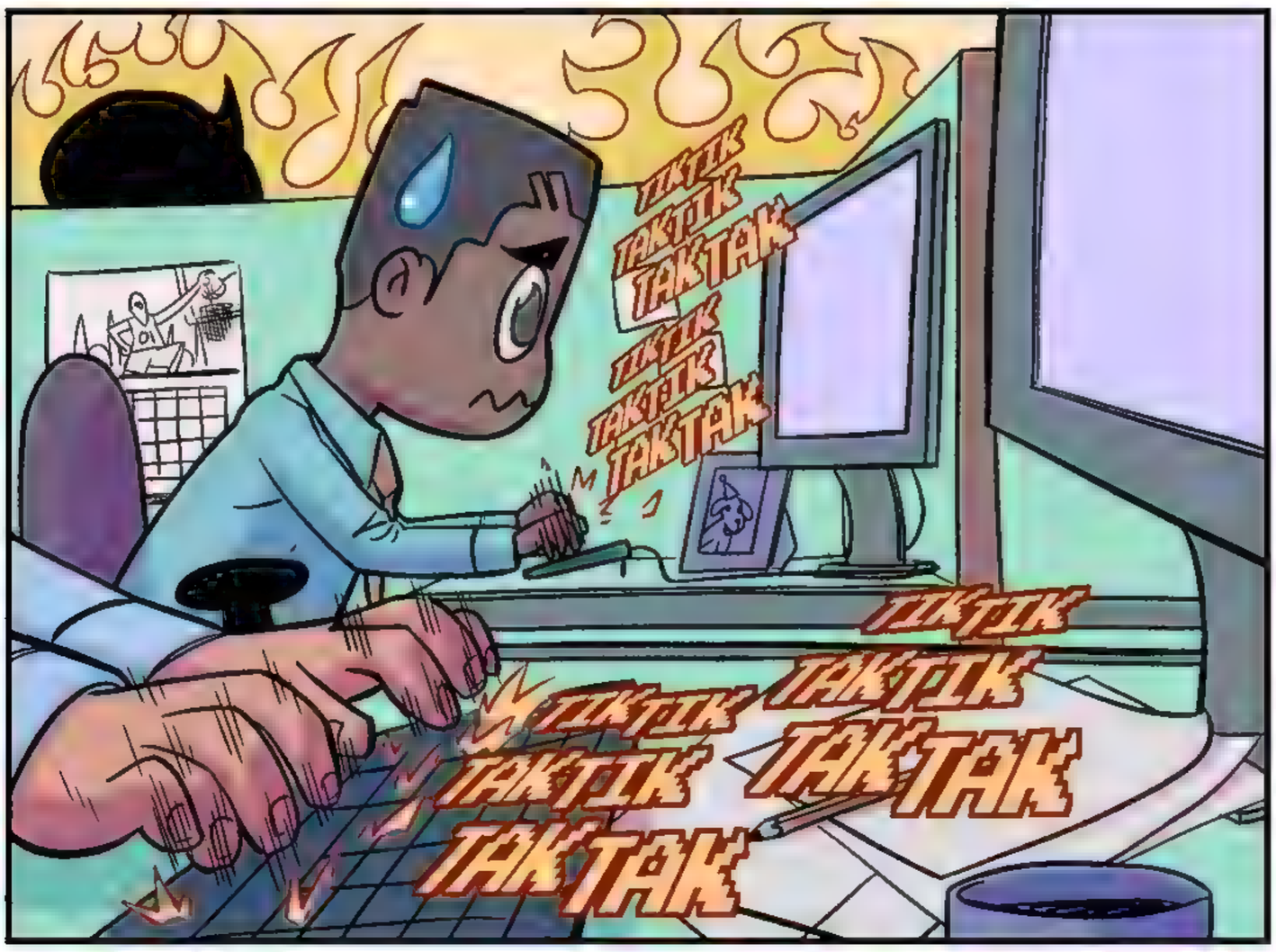
One morning after a(n) _____adjective_____ night _____what a vagina does when air gets into it_____-ing nonsense words out of the hole where his mouth should be, the King awoke and looked in the mirror. What he saw horrified him. Now, in the place where his _____adjective_____ orange used to be, was a beautiful, quiet peach.

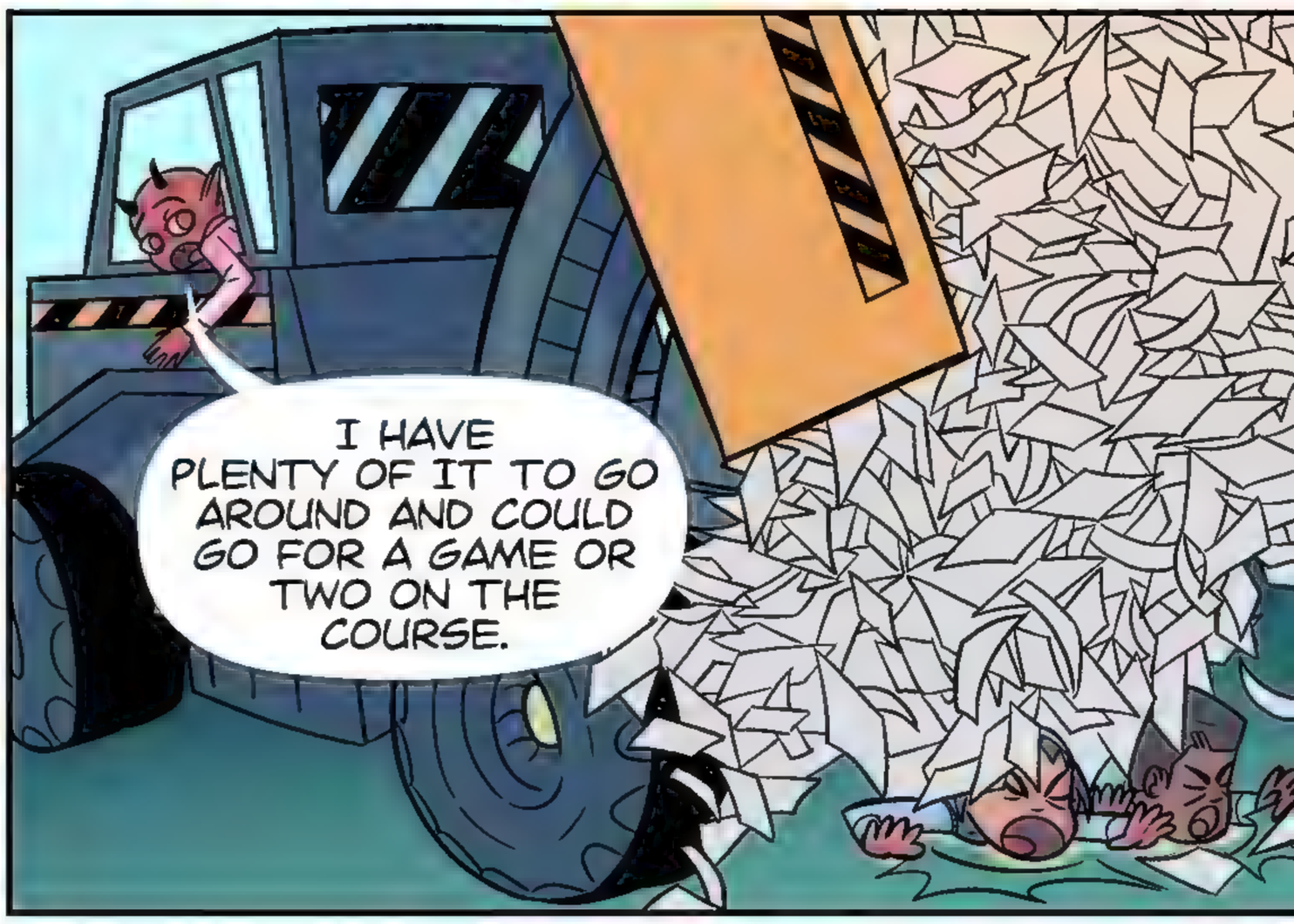
The Orange King had been incoherently _____verb_____-ing for months on end, while the young woman with fresh ideas had been inspiring the townsfolk to _____verb_____ together. And together they decided to peach the _____adjective_____ King. Once peached, the king's powers were just as impotent as the king himself. And so, the town celebrated with a 24/7 _____activity_____ party every 👏 damn 👏 day 👏 until that _____just write "BOSS BITCH"_____, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez became PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Oh, and that lip color? It's Stila "Stay All Day" Liquid, Beso.

Employee Man

by: Hoyt Silva





SIGH...

YEAH...

WHAT'S THE POINT?

EVEN IF WE GET ALL OF THIS WORK DONE, THAT JERK IS STILL OUR MANAGER AND WE'RE TRAPPED IN HERE WITH...

Home

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez @AOC

To quote Alan Moore: 'None of you understand. I'm not locked up in here with YOU. You're locked up in here with ME.'

Cristobal Alex @CristobalJAlex

OH. MY.

THAT FOOL HAS NO IDEA WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF! I'LL DO ALL THIS WORK AND MORE TO SHOW THE HIGHER UPS MY TRUE VALUE!

THE NEXT MORNING.

WERK

THANK YOU, FOR ALL OF YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!

WHAT THE...

I'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO CO-ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE DON'T PROMOTE HER OVER ME I'D LIKE TO PUT IN FOR A HIGHER LEVEL OF...

NO.

YOUUU

-THE END-

EVERY AMERICAN IS ENTITLED TO -

The right to a useful and renumerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation.

the Right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living.

THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE AND ENJOY GOOD HEALTH.

the RIGHT to EARN ENOUGH to PROVIDE ADEQUATE FOOD CLOTHING AND TECREATION.

the RIGHT OF EVERY BUSINESSMAN LARGE AND SMALL to TRADE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FREEDOM FROM UNFAIR COMPETITION AND DOMINATION BY MONOPOLIES at HOME OR ABROAD.

THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM THE ECONOMIC FEARS OF OLD AGE, SICKNESS ACCIDENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

THE RIGHT OF EVERY FAMILY TO A DECENT HOME.

THE RIGHT TO A GOOD EDUCATION.

Jan 7th 2019

FEMALE IS FUTURE

THIS OLD MONSTROSITY IS JUST A WASTE OF MY TIME.

RAARHGG!

HTTT!

IT'S WHAT SHE *PROTECTS* THAT'S IMPORTANT.

I JUST GOTTA KEEP HER OCCUPIED...

HYAH!

YEAGHKH!

SLASH

SO MY ASSOCIATE CAN GET TO THE EMP GENERATOR HIDDEN IN THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

WRITTEN BY JEFFREY BURANDT

ART AND LETTERING BY SEAN VON GORMAN

COLORS BY PAUL MOUNTS

SHE'S NOT MOVING, BUT I THINK SHE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.

THE SWAMP HAG IS DEAD, MADAM PRESIDENT.

OPERATION CHECKS AND BALANCES IS A GO.

GOOD WORK, ALEXANDRIA. I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.

SHARICE HAS SET THE CHARGES AND IS AWAITING YOUR SIGNAL.

AND THE PARTY OF LINCOLN...

HAS BECOME A FETID CORPSE.

TO SURVIVE THIS PLAGUE THAT BESETS OUR NATION, WE MUST BURN OUR CORPSES.

KA-BOOM

WE'LL BUILD IT AGAIN. WE'LL BUILD EVERYTHING AGAIN.

I'VE GOT A VISUAL ON THE PLANES SEEDING THE CLOUDS. THAT'S MY CUE, MADAM PRESIDENT.

VREEEUUURR

GODSPEED, DEAR. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

YES, MA'AM!

THE REMAINING NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAME TOGETHER TO CREATE THE GREEN SERUM THAT THOSE PLANES JUST DUMPED ON D.C. THE BEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS OF MEXICO, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, THE U.S., CANADA--THEY ALL CONVENED IN FRANCE FOR 9 MONTHS. AND THIS TEAM OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS INVENTED A CHEMICAL THAT WOULD DESTROY THE ORANGE FUNGUS THAT PLAGUES OUR NATION'S CAPITAL.

KRAKOOM

TSSS

TSSS

THE SEEDS OF THIS MALIGNANCY HAD BEEN PLANTED FOR DECADES BEFORE THIS PARTICULAR SYMPTOM EMERGED.

VABAD!!

SUSSAD

AWFU!!

VABAD!!

THE GREEN BURNS THE ORANGE...

BUT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.

SO I GOTTA GET A LITTLE MESSY.

THERE IT IS. THE FUNGUS MONSTER'S TEENY LITTLE MUSHROOM HEART.

FRAGILE AND TOXIC.

WHAT A JOKE.

SQUITCH

SHRIEEEEKK

WHAT A TRAGEDY.

BPOOMF!

BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR WALLOWING IN SELF PITY. WE HAVE NO TIME FOR DESPAIR.

ALL WE HAVE IS NOW.

AND NOW WE GET BACK TO WORK!

END

JUNE 2017

Will you **stop** complaining about the heat! It's **June.**

I'm not. I'm talking about Global Warming. The average global surface temperature is almost a full degree **hotter** than the average From the 50's.

You know I'm right.

... **I'm** the right.

Ha. Ha.

JULY 2017

"...FOR THE COST OF THE GOD'S TAX BILL, WE COULD FORGIVE ALL THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT IN THE UNITED STATES."

In the last 30 years, the cost of college has increased by over 1000%. Now it's **unaffordable.**

Education is a **right** not a privilege.

That's what scholarships and grants are For.

We can't just make everything Free.

SEPTEMBER 2017

"...WE'VE BANNED THE SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS BEFORE. WEAPONS OF WAR DON'T BELONG IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS."

She's gonna take away all our guns!

Are you even listening to her?

That's all we've been doing is listening to her. Doesn't she ever rest?!

Women From the Bronx don't rest.

FEBRUARY 2018

She wants to abolish ICE?!

This country wouldn't be what it is without immigration enforcement.

I don't know why **'enforcement'** was part of that sentence.

And, ICE was established in 2003.

We were Fine For **hundreds of years** without it.

APRIL 2018

"MASS INCARCERATION IS THE LATEST ITERATION OF A LONG LINE OF POLICIES ROOTED IN THE MARGINALIZATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR..."

Yeah, and private prisons are rife with abuse. No one should profit off of people being locked up.

But ***public*** prisons are bureaucratic nightmares. They cost us a fortune. Someone commits a crime, and our taxpayers are punished?!

MAY 2018

"ALMOST EVERY OTHER DEVELOPED NATION IN THE WORLD HAS UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE. IT'S TIME THE UNITED STATES CATCH UP!"

We already gave you the ACA. Now you want to overhaul healthcare again? Can't you Democrats get it right?

SEPTEMBER 2018

Expand the low income housing tax credit?! So now we're paying for school, healthcare and housing!?

What, exactly, are the ***people*** responsible for?

Literally everything else.

Imagine a world where the government ***actually*** provides for the needs of its citizens.

A world where they are unencumbered by the stress of debt and housing.

NOVEMBER 2018

...Hey... uh... where did she go?

...Have we been replaced?

NEW SHO

DECEMBER 2019

The Shoe Deal

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It's honestly a pretty complicated subject...

Explain it again. We've got plenty of time.

I feel useless in here. And old.

Well, it *is* a museum.

You know, we never settled the healthcare debate...

Yes! Let's weigh the pros and cons.

This could take years.

Well, we're not going anywhere...

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Campaign Shoes.

"These shoes represent the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment of the youngest woman ever elected to Congress."

AOC's CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE PARTY

EQUAL PAY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

JUSTICE FOR ALL

MINIMUM LIVING WAGE!!

THE ROAD TO 2020 IS UPON US

HANG TIGHT. I KNOW THINGS SEEM CONFUSIN'...

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE IN GOOD HANDS

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL!

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS!

BLACK LIVES MATTER!

I CAN'T GO FOR THAT

GOE HOME, MITCH

HISTORIC JAMMYJAM

IT'S A NEW DAY

MEOW!

THIS HAS BEEN A COMEUPS SENSATION

THE MATRIARCHY : RELOADED

STARRING NEO-C

STORY: ADAM McGOVERN
ART: JASON GOUNGOR

IT WAS JUST ANOTHER NIGHT OF WAGE-SLAVERY AT THE LOCAL BAR, WITH NO REASON TO THINK ANYTHING WOULD EVER CHANGE.

THEN THE MAN IN THE ILL-FITTING TRENCHCOAT STEPPED IN, WALKING STRAIGHT TO ONE PARTICULARLY ELOQUENT BARTENDER ARGUING POLITICS, AS IF HE'D KNOWN HER ALL HER LIFE.

I'M WITH YOU.

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU AMERICA HAS BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM?

CHOOSE EITHER OF THESE BUTTONS. ONE PUTS YOU IN A "RED STATE," THE OTHER IN A "BLUE STATE."

ONE LETS YOU GO ON AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED. BUT THE OTHER--

--WILL PROVE YOU CAN LEAVE THIS BAR AND BE OTHERWISE...

OCCUPIED!

I'VE WAITED TABLES BUT THE WORKING PUBLIC CAN WAIT NO LONGER!

MY EYES ARE CLEAR AND I'M READY TO REBEL AGAINST THE *POLITICAL MACHINES!*

HOW CAN I REPAY YOU?

TWEN-TY *SEV*-EN *DOLLAHS!*

WOMEN LIKE ME AREN'T SUPPOSED TO RUN FOR OFFICE-- SO I'LL DANCE!

WITH THE POWER TO REDEFINE THE POSSIBLE, ***NEO-C*** CONFRONTS HER NEMESIS, ***AGENT CROWLEY***, IN HIS MANY FORMS!

MI GENTE! DON'T LET THIS MAN MISREPRESENT! HE LIVES FAR AWAY AND GAMES THE SYSTEM THROUGH REMOTE POLITICAL-HACKS!

LOOK CLOSER-- HE'S NOT EVEN HERE!

FENDING OFF AN ONSLAUGHT OF FAKED FOOTAGE, NEO-C SCHOOLS THE NATION WITH HER ***FEED FOR THE MASSES***, BOUNCED OFF HER PERSONAL ASTEROID*--

--AND SOON FINDS HERSELF AT THE STEPS OF THE MACHINES' DOMED STRONGHOLD!

(*THIS IS A REAL-LIFE THING: 23238 OCASIO-CORTEZ, MIJOS!)

MARCHING IN FORMATION WITH THE REST OF THE ***WOKE-UP***, NEO-C CLOSES IN ON THE CHAMBER OF THE DOME'S MASTER, THE ***DEUS EX MITCH!***

BUT RIVALS CAN BE EMBEDDED EVEN IN YOUR OWN TEAM!

?!!

McCASKILL HAWLEY

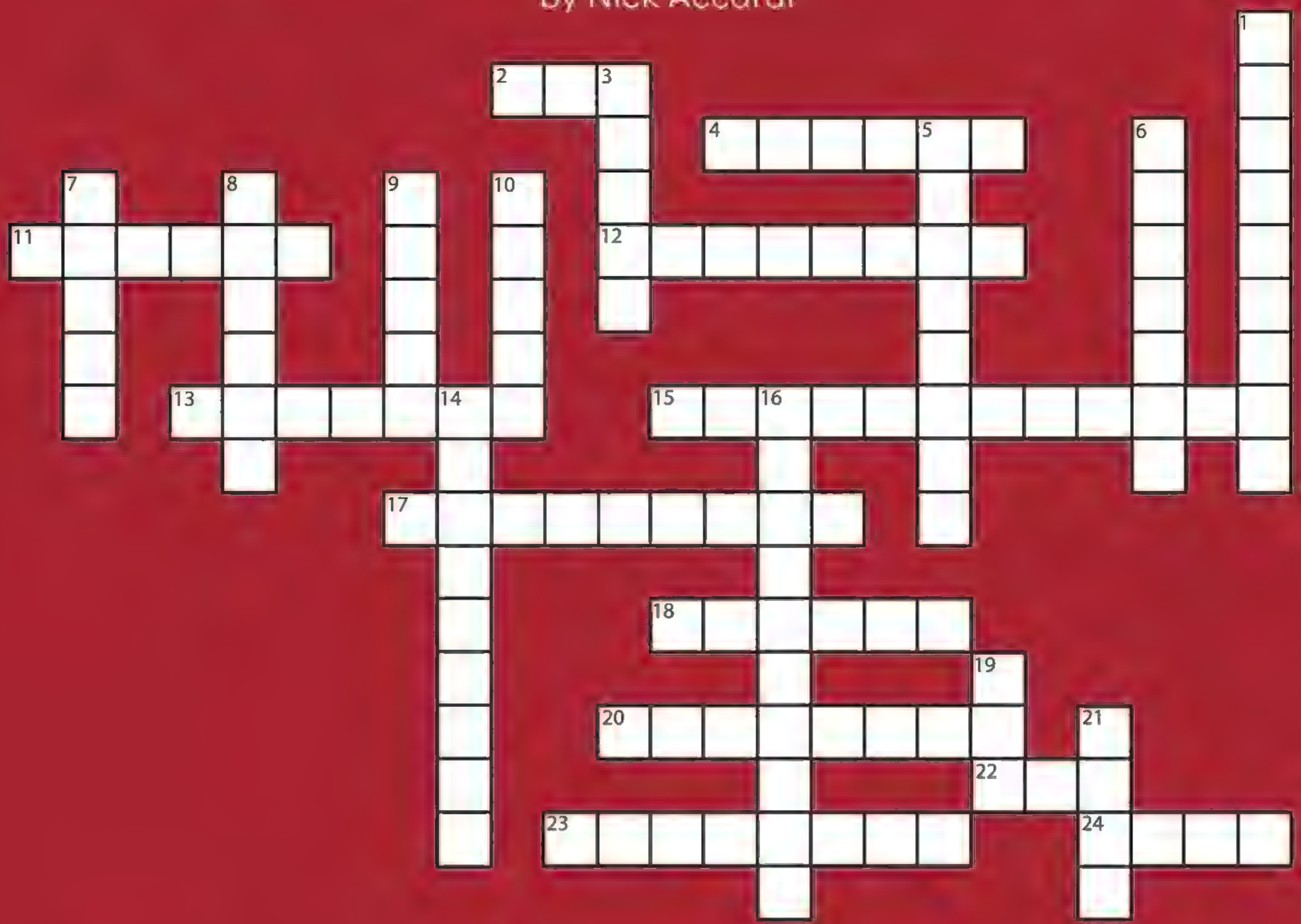
BLUE-DOG TO RED-TURTLE-- INSURGENTS SPOTTED; DEPLOY ***BRIGHT SHINY OBJECTS!***

VVVV

The Elephant in the Room

Political pot shots in the form of a satirical crossword puzzle

by Nick Accardi



ACROSS

2 Online phony
4 Illicit actress
11 Silver News Fox
12 Man of Dishonor
13 Russia's blackmail
15 Proposed social program
17 Secret agreement for deceitful purpose
18 Trump name origin
20 Modern Lügenpresse
22 Obamacare acronym
23 Ivanka being an advisor
24 Zodiac Killer

DOWN

1 Human blobfish
3 Con man, liar, moron
5 ____ Tax rate
6 ____ Report
7 Fired giant
8 Paul Ryan nickname
9 Wind Surfing Retiree
10 Homophobe
14 Diet Nazis
16 Foreign influence clause
19 Purveyors of 'Security Theater'
21 Bill Maher

ANSWERS:

1. MCCONNELL	9. OBAMA	17. COLLUSION
2. BOT	10. FENCE	18. DRUMPF
3. TRUMP	11. COOPER	19. TSA
4. STORMY	12. MANAFORT	20. FAKE NEWS
5. MARGINAL	13. PEE TAPE	21. HACK
6. MUELLER	14. FROUD BOYS	22. ACA
7. COMEY	15. GREEN NEW DEAL	23. NEPOTISM
8. WEASEL	16. EMOLUMENTS	24. CRUZ

Pairing PACs & Politicians

PAC or P.A.C. [pak] noun, plural PAC's, PACs - political action committee: an organization established by a corporation or other special interest group to raise money from individuals for a political campaign or other political cause.

Learn more about PACs and how much money they have given to the politicians who represent you and what's best for you! Draw a line to pair the politicians with the PAC and how much they received from them in the given year!

GEO Group
$10,000.00 (2018)
Florida-based company specializing in privatized corrections, detentions, & mental health treatment.

Koch Industries
$35,000.00 (2016)
An American multinational corporation whose subsidiaries are involved in the manufacturing, refining, & distribution of petroleum.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co
$4,000.00 (2008)
One of the United States' largest financial services firms. Hint: This contribution amount was made for his senatorial race.

Altria Group
$5,000.00 (2018)
One of the world's largest producers and marketers of tobacco, cigarettes & related products.

Eli Lilly & Co
$15,000.00 (2018)
Global pharmaceutical company headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Goldman Sachs
$10,000.00 (2008)
An American multinational investment bank & financial services company.

Northrop Grumman
$44,500.00 (2018)
An American global aerospace & defense technology company

Freedom Project
$5,000.00 (2012)
A private, online, Judeo-Christian school for students in kindergarten through high school that teachers from a Classical Christian education perspective.

Citizens United
$35,000.00 (2016)
A committee that supports and works to preserve deregulation of expenditure limits by PACs and special interests on specific candidates

National Rifle Association
$9,900.00 (2018)
A nonprofit organization that advocates for gun rights.

Reclaim America
$10,000.00 (2016)
Founded by Sen. Marco Rubio to "expose liberal lies and promote the truth about our conservative candidates..."

Senator Mitch McConnell
Senator of Kentucky & Majority Leader
REPUBLICAN

Senator Ted Cruz
Senator of Texas
REPUBLICAN

Paul Ryan
Former Speaker of the United States House
REPUBLICAN

Hillary Clinton
Former Secretary of State and First Lady
DEMOCRAT

Barack Obama
44th President of the United States
DEMOCRAT

Senator Marsha Blackburn
Senator of Tennessee
REPUBLICAN

Senator Marco Rubio
Senator of Florida
REPUBLICAN

Senator Rick Scott
Senator of Florida
REPUBLICAN

Senator Rand Paul
Senator of Kentucky
REPUBLICAN

Senator Lindsey Graham
Senator of Kentucky
REPUBLICAN

Vice President Mike Pence
Vice President of the United States
REPUBLICAN

Find the answer key online at ocasiocomic.com!

IT'S ANOTHER INFOGRAPHIC COMIC THINGY BY JOSH BLAYLOCK WITH:

WHERE DAT MONEY?!

WITH ALL THIS TALK ABOUT TAXES, CAPITALISM VS. SOCIALISM, AND THE ECONOMY, IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW SOME BASICS THAT COULD HELP EVERYONE SOUND A LITTLE SMARTER STANDING AROUND THE WATER COOLER AT WORK.

FIRST IS A QUICK OVERVIEW OF HOW MONEY COMES INTO EXISTENCE. WHICH MAY DIFFER FROM WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TOLD. MONEY IS "PRINTED" (OR DIGITALLY ISSUED) AFTER A COMPLICATED AUTHORIZATION PROCESS BETWEEN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND THE INDEPENDENT, QUASI-GOVERNMENT ENTITY CALLED THE ***FEDERAL RESERVE.***

BANK

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, THIS IS NOT HOW MOST MONEY IS CREATED. THESE NEW DOLLARS ARE DISTRIBUTED MOSTLY TO THE NATION'S MAJOR BANKS, WHERE THEY FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE PUBLIC'S HANDS. AT LEAST IN ***THEORY.***

BANK

FOR EVERY DOLLAR DEPOSITED INTO THE BANK, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ISSUE CREDIT WORTH UP TO 90% OF THAT AMOUNT, AND ***THIS*** IS HOW MOST CURRENCY IS ACTUALLY BORN. IT'S A PROCESS CALLED ***FRACTIONAL RESERVE LENDING.***

WHEN YOU GIVE TEN BUCKS TO THE BANK, THEY CAN LOAN OUT $9 ON CREDIT TO OTHER CUSTOMERS. SIMPLY BY WRITING IT DOWN IN THEIR ACCOUNTS, NO PRINTING NECESSARY. THOSE CUSTOMERS DEPOSIT THE $9, OF WHICH ANOTHER BANK CAN LOAN ABOUT $8.

ON AND ON IT GOES, JUST LIKE MAGIC, UNTIL YOUR TEN DOLLARS BECOME ABOUT $100!

IN EVEN MORE EXTREME CASES YOUR MONEY CAN MULTIPLY BY A MUCH GREATER NUMBER.

POOF!

FOR THIS PRIVELEGE, THEY PAY YOU SOMETHING LIKE A 0.0000024% INTEREST RATE ON YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

NOW LET'S LOOK AT THE ***CURRENCY SUPPLY*** IN AMERICA, GOING BACK TO THE ~~ORANGES~~ ORIGINS OF THE DOLLAR.

WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH ROOM FOR THE CHART, SO LET'S START AT 1920, BUT IT GOES BACK MUCH FARTHER.

FOR A CENTURY, OUR CURRECY SUPPLY REMAINED LEVEL, INCREASING ONLY EVER SO SLIGHTLY. THIS WAS LARGELY IN PART BECAUSE, AS IT'S WRITTEN IN THE CONSTITUTION, OUR MONEY WAS REQUIRED TO BE TIED TO THE SUPPLY OF GOLD AMERICA OWNED, PREVENTING THE DANGERS OF HAVING A BLANK CHECK BOOK..

IN 1913, THE U.S. GAVE UP ITS FREEDOM TO PRINT ITS OWN CURRENCY AND HANDED THAT POWER OVER TO A PRIVATE ENTITY CALLED THE FEDERAL RESERVE, OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE NATION'S MAJOR BANKS AND SEVERAL ANONYMOUS INVESTORS.

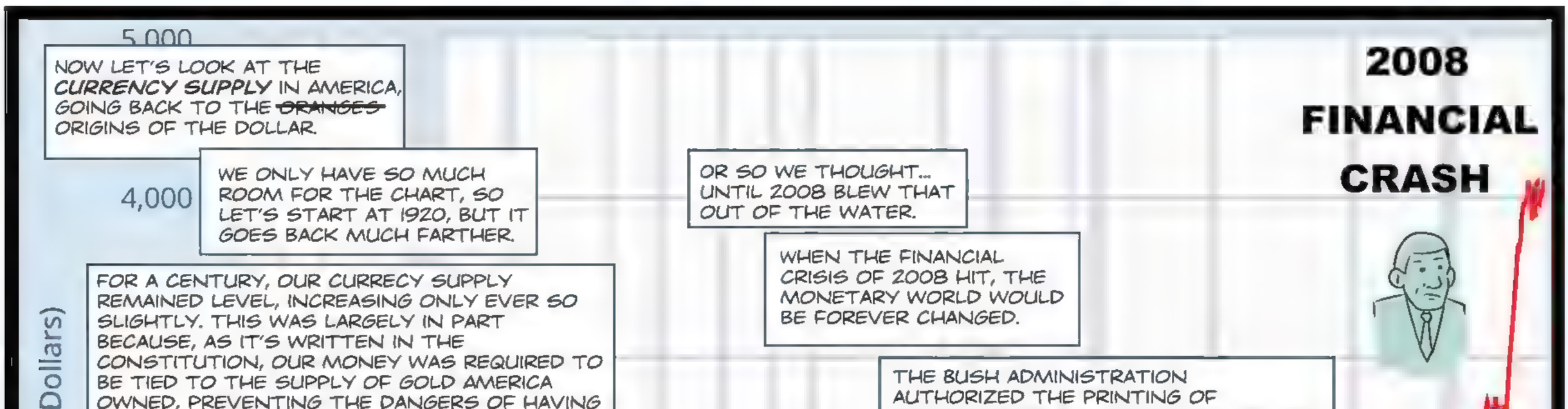
THEN, IN 1971, PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TOOK US OFF OF THE GOLD STANDARD, AND THE RAMPANT MONEY PRINTING BEGAN!

OR SO WE THOUGHT... UNTIL 2008 BLEW THAT OUT OF THE WATER.

WHEN THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 2008 HIT, THE MONETARY WORLD WOULD BE FOREVER CHANGED.

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED THE PRINTING OF ***TRILLIONS*** OF DOLLARS TO BE PRINTED THAT, IN AN INSTANT, SURPASSED MORE THAN HAD EVER BEEN CREATED IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY UP TO THAT POINT.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIMPLY KEPT IT GOING, NOT THAT HE EVEN HAD A CHOICE.

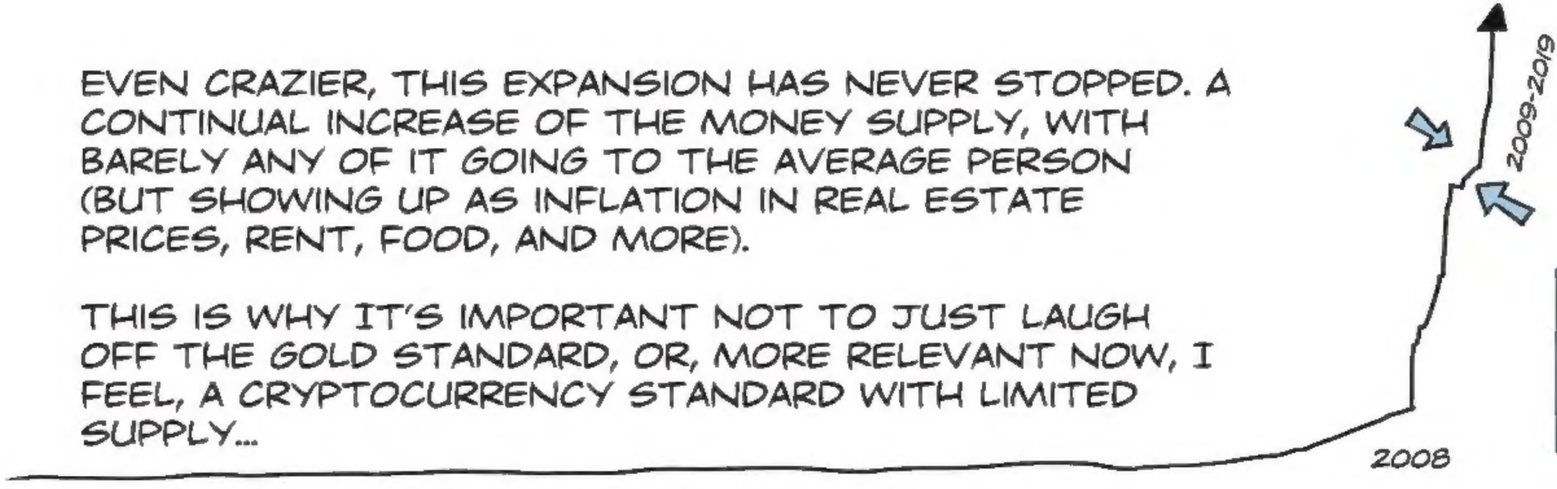


I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT EVERY PERSON INTENT ON BELIEVING IN AN AYN RAND-ONLY SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMY, OR ARGUE A HARDCORE SOCIALIST ABOUT SOME OF THE MERITS OF CAPITALISM AND A MIXED ECONOMY, OR CONVINCE A CENTRIST THAT WE SHOULD JUST TRUST OUR LEADERS AND NOT ROCK THE BOAT, BUT BEFORE ANYONE DIVES INTO THESE ARGUMENTS, THEY SHOULD DO SO WITH A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF JUST HOW BAD THIS CASH HEIST WAS.

NONE OF IT MATTERS UNLESS YOU ADDRESS THE THEFT. YOU CAN'T BE AGAINST TAXING THE UBER WEALTHY WITHOUT BEING AGAINST THE PAST DECADE OF MANIPULATION OF THE CURRENCY SUPPLY, BECAUSE THAT, ITSELF, WAS A TAX ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNLIKE ANY WE'VE EVER SEEN. A SILENT TAX. A SCHEME THAT OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT BENEFITED ***GREATLY*** FROM.

EVEN CRAZIER, THIS EXPANSION HAS NEVER STOPPED. A CONTINUAL INCREASE OF THE MONEY SUPPLY, WITH BARELY ANY OF IT GOING TO THE AVERAGE PERSON (BUT SHOWING UP AS INFLATION IN REAL ESTATE PRICES, RENT, FOOD, AND MORE).

THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO JUST LAUGH OFF THE GOLD STANDARD, OR, MORE RELEVANT NOW, I FEEL, A CRYPTOCURRENCY STANDARD WITH LIMITED SUPPLY...



SO WHAT WAS THE LOGIC BEHIND DOING THIS?

WHAT WERE OUR BENEVOLENT MONETARY CZARS TASKED WITH DOING TO SAVE OUR ECONOMY?

THIS IS WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. THE BANKS WERE IN TROUBLE, AND AMERICA WAS THREATENED WITH AN OVERNIGHT COLLAPSE OF THE ECONOMY. BUT IF THE MONEY WAS PRINTED, IT WOULD FLOW DOWN TO THE PEOPLE, AND THE ECONOMY WOULD BE SAVED.
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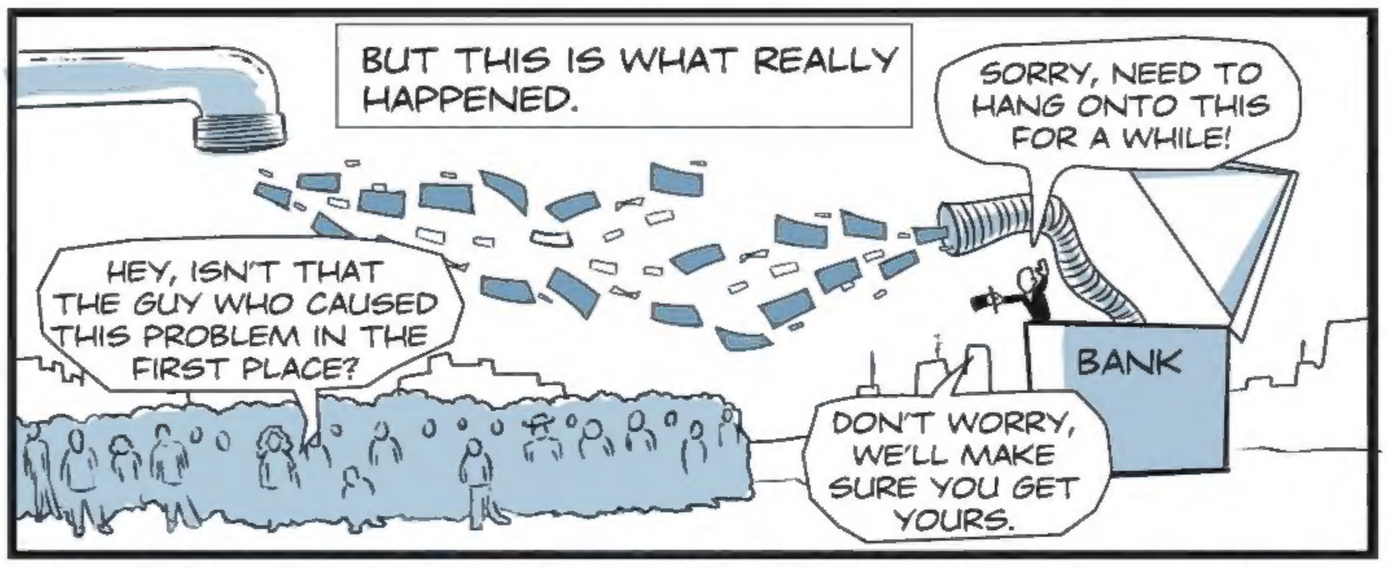

BUT THIS IS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
HEY, ISN'T THAT THE GUY WHO CAUSED THIS PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE?
SORRY, NEED TO HANG ONTO THIS FOR A WHILE!
BANK
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURS.

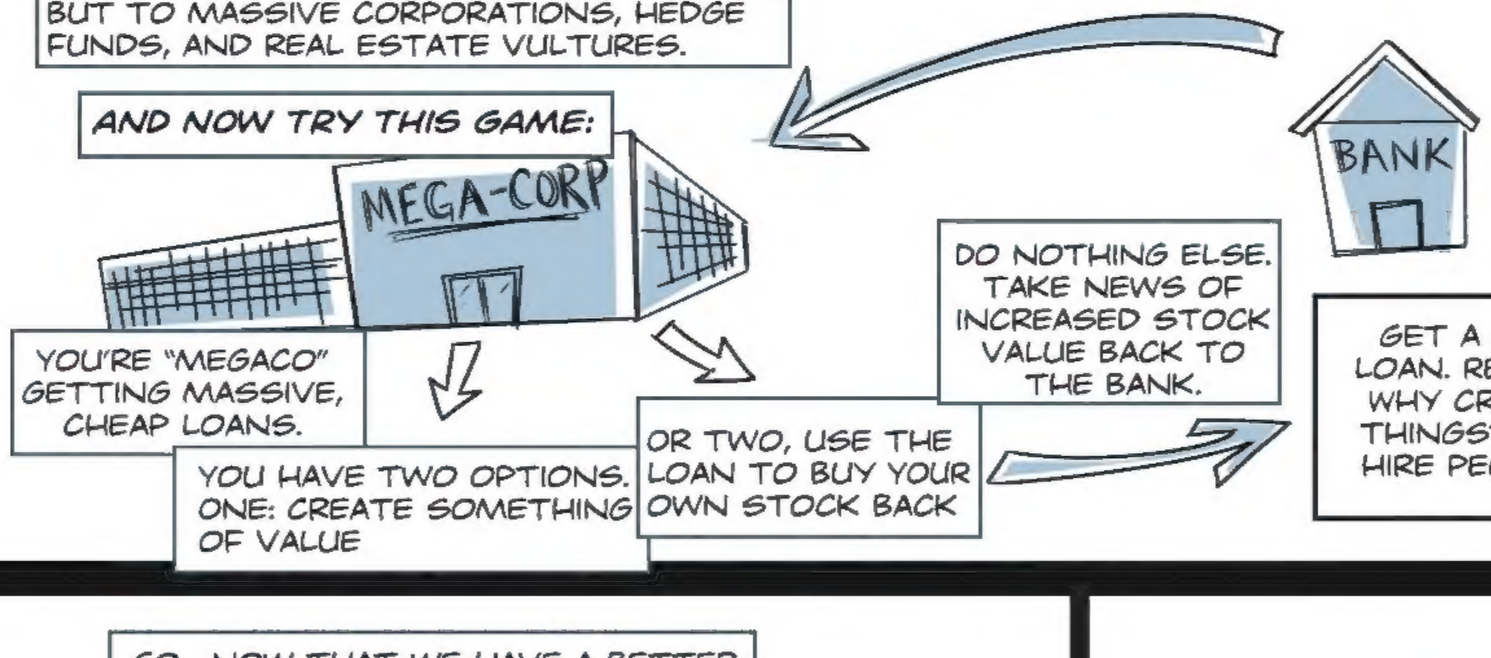
MOST PEOPLE HAVE A GENERAL IDEA THIS HAPPENED. THEY KNOW WE GOT A RAW DEAL. BUT THEY REALLY HAVE ***NO IDEA*** JUST HOW EGREGIOUS... HOW ***GREEDY***... HOW MIND BOGGLINGLY LARGE ***THIS THEFT*** REALLY WAS. IT'S AS IF YOU, AS A SHAREHOLDER IN U.S.A, INC., HAD YOUR SHARES DILUTED BY 2/3 WITH NO LEGAL RECOURSE.

WE'RE DEALING WITH THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE US CURRENCY SUPPLY DOUBLING NEARLY OVERNIGHT. AND LATER, TRIPLED. ALMOST ALL OF IT GOING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO CAUSED THE PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND PITTING US AGAINST EACH OTHER. LABELING ANYONE WHO DARES CHALLENGE THEM BY DEMANDING A "CLAW BACK" AS A "RADICAL SOCIALIST." WHILE THEY SIT ON SO MUCH MONEY, THEY STRUGGLE TO LEND IT ALL.

SO... WHERE DAT MONEY GO?!

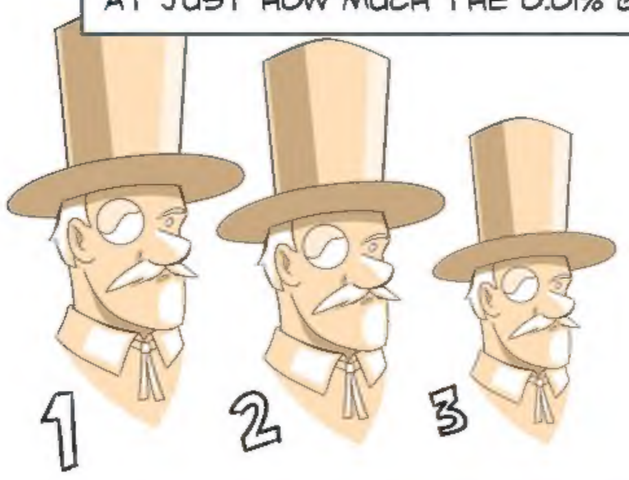
THE BANKS FAMOUSLY DID ***NOT*** LOAN TO INDIVIDUALS, OR EVEN SMALL BUSINESSES, BUT TO MASSIVE CORPORATIONS, HEDGE FUNDS, AND REAL ESTATE VULTURES.

AND NOW TRY THIS GAME:

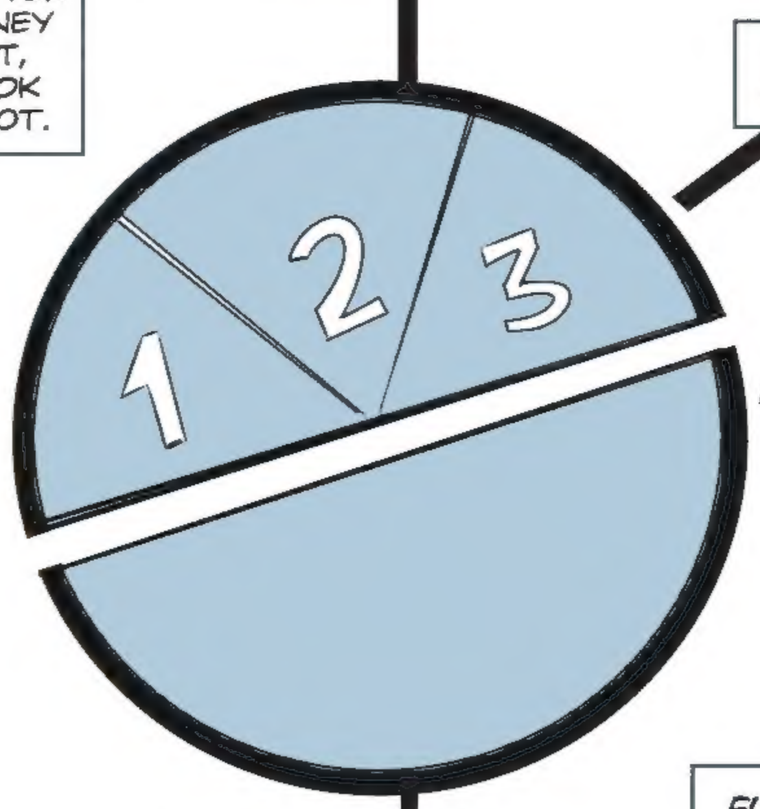

MEGA-CORP
BANK
YOU'RE "MEGACO" GETTING MASSIVE, CHEAP LOANS.
YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS. ONE: CREATE SOMETHING OF VALUE
OR TWO, USE THE LOAN TO BUY YOUR OWN STOCK BACK
DO NOTHING ELSE. TAKE NEWS OF INCREASED STOCK VALUE BACK TO THE BANK.
GET A NEW LOAN. REPEAT! WHY CREATE THINGS? WHY HIRE PEOPLE?

THIS DUMPSTER FIRE GOES BACK TO THE NIXON DAYS, BUT CLINTON REALLY TOOK THE RAILS OFF IN THE '90S REPEALING GLASS STEAGALL. BUSH THREW GASOLINE ON IT. OBAMA ADDED SOME NAPALM, EVEN IF IT SEEMED THERE WAS NO OPTION AT THAT POINT. NOW ***TRUMP*** SEEMS INTENT ON DESTROYING ALL OF THE ***FIRE ENGINES,*** BY OFFERING THESE "HARD-UP" BANKS AND BILLIONAIRES THE LARGEST TAX BREAK IN DECADES, ALL UNDER THE GUISE THAT THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THE "LITTLE PEOPLE."

SO... NOW THAT WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF JUST ***HOW MUCH*** MONEY WE'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT, AND WHERE IT GOES, LET'S LOOK AT JUST HOW MUCH THE 0.01% GOT.



THREE FAMILIES IN AMERICA CONTROL MORE WEALTH THAN THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE COUNTRY. THREE... VS. 162 MILLION PEOPLE.



ALL DAT MONEY

I SAVED YOU THE TROUBLE OF DIVIDING THIS ONE UP INTO THREES.

SAME AMOUNT OF DAT MONEY

NOW CHOP THIS ONE INTO 162,000,000 PIECES.

DOES THIS SEEM LIKE A SYSTEM THAT CAN CONTINUE? IS ANYONE WHO DARES ADDRESS IT JUST A CRAZY SOCIALIST? CAN IT BE FIXED SIMPLY BY STARTING TO "PLAY FAIR" NOW IN A LIBERTARIAN DREAM, WITHOUT FIRST CORRECTING THE PROBLEM, AND ADDRESSING THE THEFT THAT MOST DON'T EVEN REALIZE HAPPENED TO THEM?

FUN FACT! WHILE THERE ARE ***11 MILLION*** MILLIONAIRES IN THE US, GUESS HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY MAKE ***OVER*** $10 MILLION PER YEAR (THE PEOPLE AOC'S PROPOSED MARGINAL TAX RATE WOULD AFFECT, AND ONLY ON MONEY THEY EARN ***OVER*** THAT $10 MILLION)? IT'S ***SIXTEEN THOUSAND.***

UNLESS WE DITCH THIS BOGUS NARRATIVE THAT THIS ELITE CLASS ARE ALL GENIUSES, AND SIMPLY BENEVOLENT "JOB CREATORS," NONE OF IT MATTERS, ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE UNWILLING TO NOT ONLY ***TRUST-BUST*** COMPANIES, BUT AT SOME POINT... AT SOME LEVEL OF WEALTH... TRUST-BUST ***INDIVIDUALS.***

IF THE MONEY WAS NEVER PRINTED, THEN MAYBE WE'D HAVE MORE OF A DEBATE. IF THE MONEY HAD MADE ITS WAY TO THE PUBLIC, AND WE HAD THE SAME WEALTH GAP THAT WE DID A FEW DECADES AGO, OR IF WORKING CLASS WAGES WERE PEGGED TO THE CURRENCY SUPPLY, THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO TALK ABOUT TAXES, BUT SO FAR, THAT'S NOT HAPPENING. THIS IS WHERE WE ARE, AND NOW, HOPEFULLY, YOU CAN ENTER INTO THE CONVERSATION KNOWING A LITTLE MORE ABOUT HOW WE GOT HERE.

- JOSH

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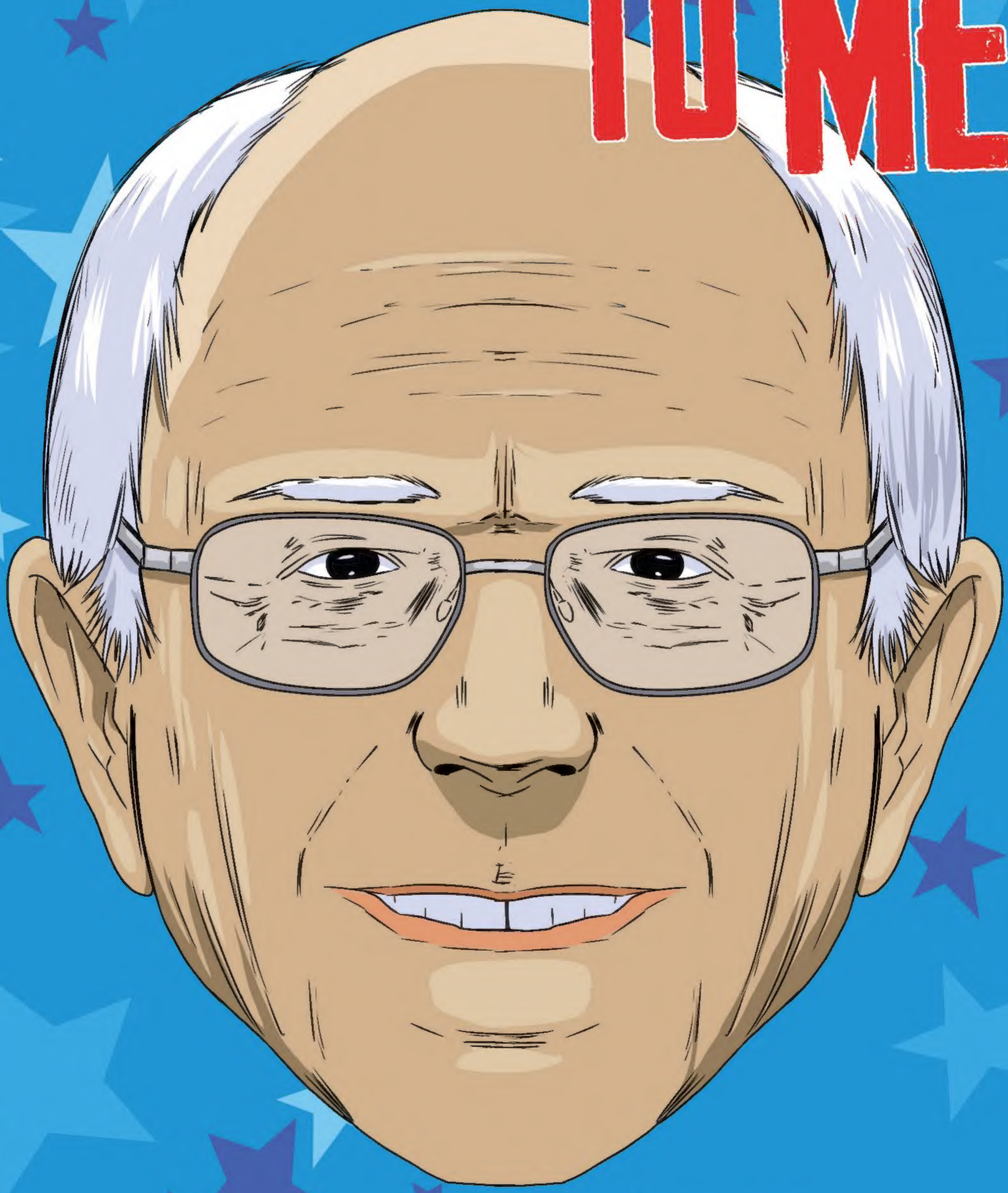

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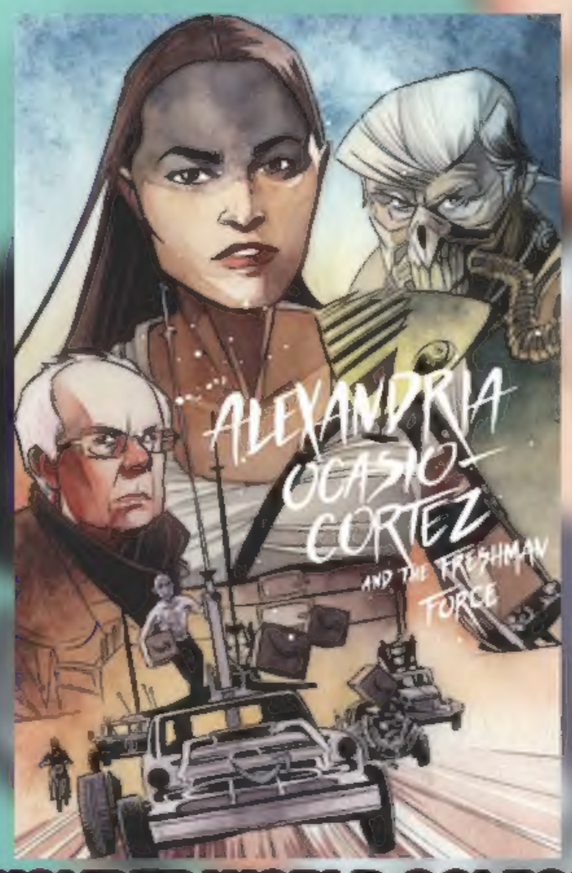

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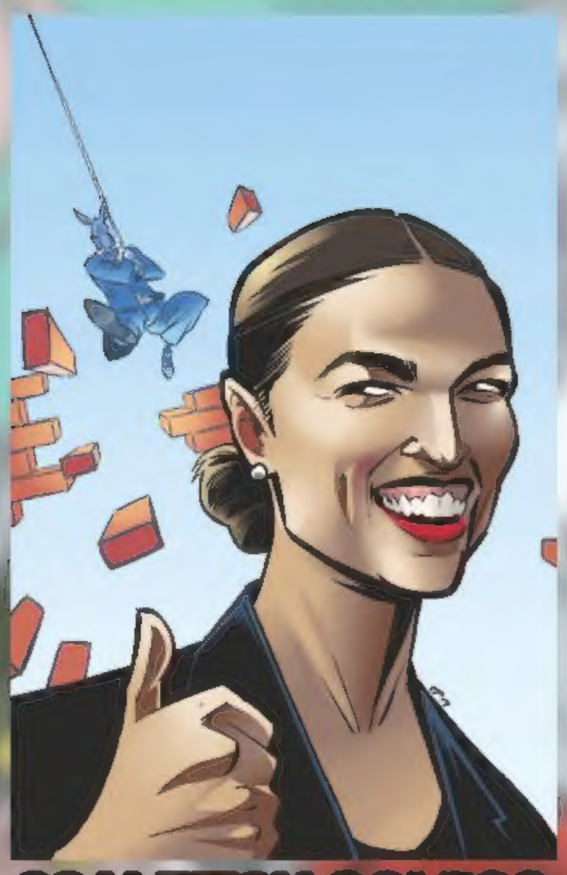

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